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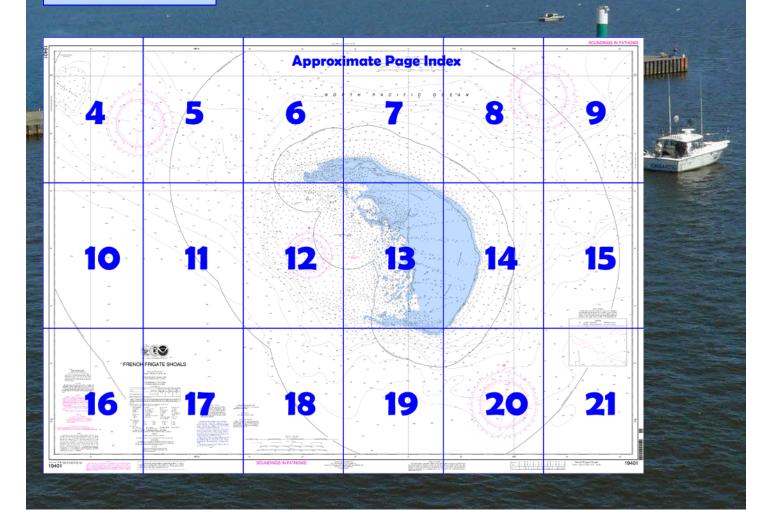


# French Frigate Shoals NOAA Chart 19401

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# What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

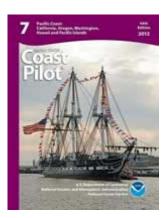
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# **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at <a href="http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=194">http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/searchbychart.php?chart=194</a> 01.



(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
French Frigate Shoals, about 85 miles
W from Necker Island, is a crescentshaped atoll about 17 miles long in a
NNW direction. The atoll consists of a
coral reef with a number of small sand
islets on it, and is flanked by a volcanic
rock and numerous coral heads and
reefs. It is home to many sea birds,
seals, turtles and other fish and
wildlife all protected by Federal Law.
The other islands are of little
assistance in navigation due to their
constantly changing size and shape

and low elevations. Shark Island has been observed to be particularly unreliable in this regard.

The crescent reef is double, and the outer and inner arcs bound a lagoon. At its midpoint the windward reef lies about 8 miles from a line joining the tips of the crescent; the leeward reef is about 5 miles from this line. The windward reef is nearly continuous and can be plainly seen in the daytime for a considerable distance by vessels approaching from the N, E or SE. The sea practically always breaks over the reef, and during the few times it is not breaking, the green shoal water inside the reef is seen in ample time to avoid danger. The bottom slopes uniformly from the reef to the 100-fathom curve 1 to 2 miles off, and there are no known dangers from N through E to S of the windward reef. The leeward or inner reef, however, is broken in many places and in normal weather is seldom marked by breakers. The lagoon between the reefs is very foul with numerous coral heads, some just under the surface of the water.

La Perouse Pinnacle (23°46'08"N., 166°15'39"W.), a volcanic rock about 60 yards long and 20 yards wide, lies about midway between the tips of the crescent and W of the leeward arc of the reef. The rock is so steep and rugged that is almost inaccessible. From a distance its guano-coated outline resembles a brig under sail. A small detached lava rock about 9 feet high lies off the W side of the pinnacle. The points of the crescent reef, as indicated by the ends of the line of breakers, bear about 170° and 310° from La Perouse Pinnacle. La Perouse Pinnacle is reported to be the first object sighted, generally, when approaching the atoll, and that it is usually picked up on radar at 12 to 15 miles.

**Shark Island**, the northwesternmost of the sand islets, lies 6 miles NW of La Perouse Pinnacle. A coral reef fringes the island. **Tern Island**, about 2 miles ENE of Shark Island, is marked by two 40-foot towers, low concrete buildings, a wooden telegraph pole, and four large trees. The island and buildings are visible at 8 and 5 miles, respectively. There are no facilities on the island.

East Island, 3 miles ENE of La Perouse Pinnacle, is a low sand bar 600 yards long in a NW direction and about 100 yards across. Reefs that are awash most of the time extend a mile W and 0.2 mile S from the island; the S reef seldom breaks. A coral head that sometimes breaks is 0.6 mile S of East Island. NE and E of the island are numerous coral heads/reefs. Extreme caution must be exercised when navigating in the vicinity of these islets because of the numerous coral heads.

Channels.—The principal approach to Tern Island is through a natural channel that leads to a lagoon and anchorage SE of the island. Entry into the lagoon is through an opening in the reef indicated by the 3¼-fathom sounding in 23°51′09″N., 166°16′27″W., on chart 19402. Mariners are advised that attempting entry into the lagoon requires extensive local knowledge, good sea and weather conditions, and the sound judgment to recognize when conditions allow committing the vessel to a course through the reef opening.

**Anchorages.**—The best holding ground SW of French Frigate Shoals is in depths of 13 to 15 fathoms, sand bottom; in lesser depths the bottom is mostly coral. There are no all-weather anchorages for large vessels, but the conformation of the reef is such that some protection can be found from choppy seas and ground swell. Small vessels can find good protection from most weather behind the shoals and coral heads.

# U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Honolulu Commander

14th CG District (808) 535-3333 Honolulu, HI

# EAST ISLAND

East Island is marked by towers

## HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

# Mercator Projection Scale 1:80,000 at Lat 23° 44°

World Geodetic System 1984 (North American Datum of 1983)

SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

# POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

## CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83). The projection of this chart was shifted from a local datum by means of georeferenced satellite imagery and has not been confirmed by land-based geodetic methods.

# PAPAHĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT

The entire area of this chart lies within the boundaries of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and the French Frigate Shoals Special Preservation Area. These are protected areas. See 50 CFR 404 or Chapter 2 U.S. Coast Pilot 7.

## PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREA

This chart falls entirely within the limits of a Particularly Sen-sitive Sea Area (PSSA). A PSSA is an environmentally sensitive area in which and around which mariners should exercise extreme caution. See U.S. Coast Pilot volumes for information egarding this area.

# NOTE C SHIP REPORTING SYSTEM

The following vessels entering or departing any U.S. port of place and in transit through the reporting area are required to report into the System: all vessels 300 gross tons or greater and all vessels in the event of a developing emergency. following vessels in transit through the reporting area should report into the System: all vessels 300 gross tons or greater fishing vessels, and all vessels in the event of a developing emergency. See IMO SN.1, Circ. 273. Information concerning the Ship Reporting System is also published in the U.S. Coast Pilot 7, Chapters 2 and 14, and updated through Notices to Mariners. Information may also be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 14th Coast Guard District in Honolulu at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, in

# NOTE B AREA TO BE AVOIDED

All vessels solely in transit should avoid the area (MSC IMO SN.1/Circ.263).

Recent hydrographic surveys do not exist in this area. The hydrographic surveys used for this chart did not achieve full bottom coverage, thus uncharted coral heads may exist. Uncharted areas of submerged reef of unknown depth may exist Extreme caution should be exercised when navigating in this

# **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

## HAWAIIAN ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Hawai'ian Islands from longitude 161° W to 176° W are part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife

176° W are part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

The Islands and atolls in the refuge include Nihoa, Necker Island, French Frigate Shoals, Gardner Pinnacles, Maro Reef, Laysan Island, Lislanski Island, Pearl and Hermes Atoll. National Wildlife Refuge System regulations pertaining to these Islands and atolls are contained in CFR 50, parts 25-32.

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Entry to the refuge is strictly prohibited without prior approval from the Refuge Manager, Pacific Remote Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii

The restrictions apply to all civilian and military agencies as well as individuals.

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 7. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 4th Coast Guard District in Honolulu, Hawaii or at the

Anchorage regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 14th Coast Guard District in Honolulu Hawaii.

Refer to section numbers shown with area designation.

# AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the U.S. Coast Guard, Geologica Survey, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

## NOTE X

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Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by
Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three
Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the
territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit
of other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off
the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three
Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of
Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the
jurisdiction of the States. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200nautical mile. Explusive Foonomic Zone were established by Presidential nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification.

## SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line.

### TIDAL INFORMATION PLACE Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW) Mean Higher High Water Mean High Water Mean Low Water NAME (LAT/LONG) (23°47'N/166°13'V 1.4 0.2 East Island Frigate Shoals NOTE: Chart was last revised: 4/92, 10/99, 12/02

Dashes (- --) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated) AERO aeronautical G green Mo morse code R TR radio tower Al alternating IQ interrupted quick N nun Rot rotating s seconds
SEC sector
St M statute miles OBSC obscured Oc occulting LT HO lighthouse M nautical mile m minutes C can Or orange DIA diaphone Q quick VQ very quick MICRO TR microwave tower R red WHIS whistle Ra Ref radar reflecto FI flashing R Bn radiobeacon Y yellow

## Bottom characteristics Blds boulders

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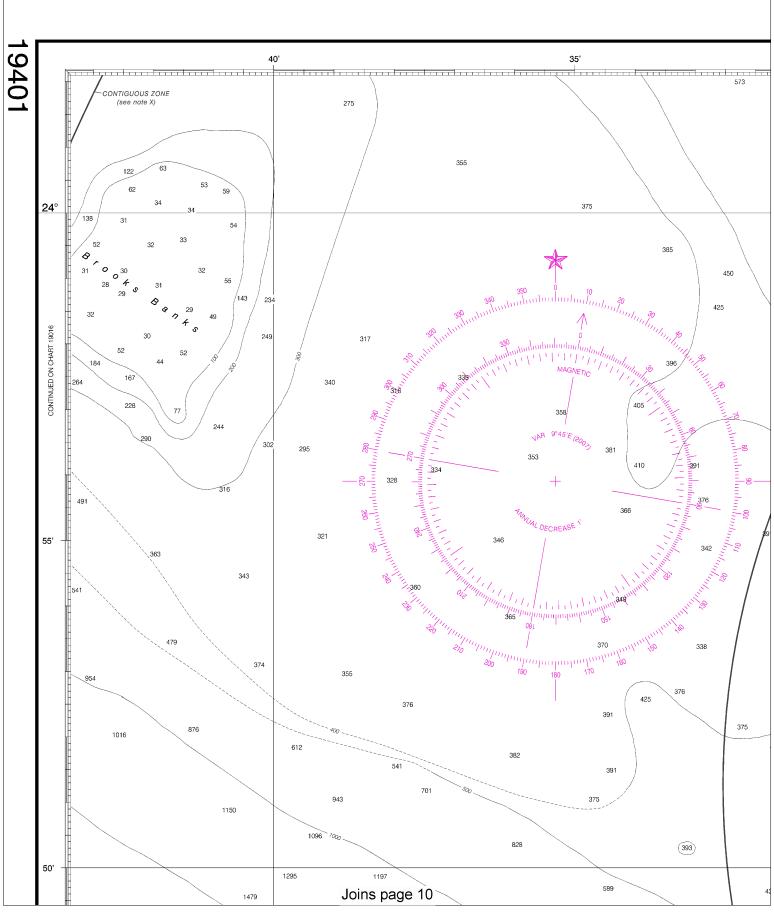
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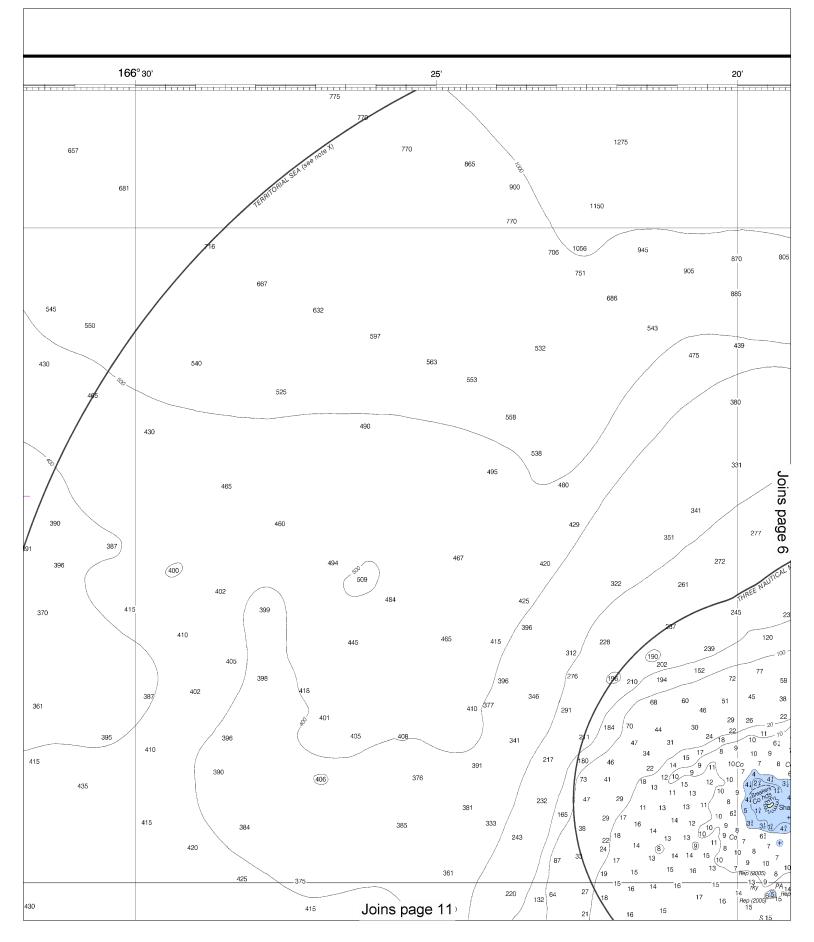
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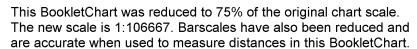
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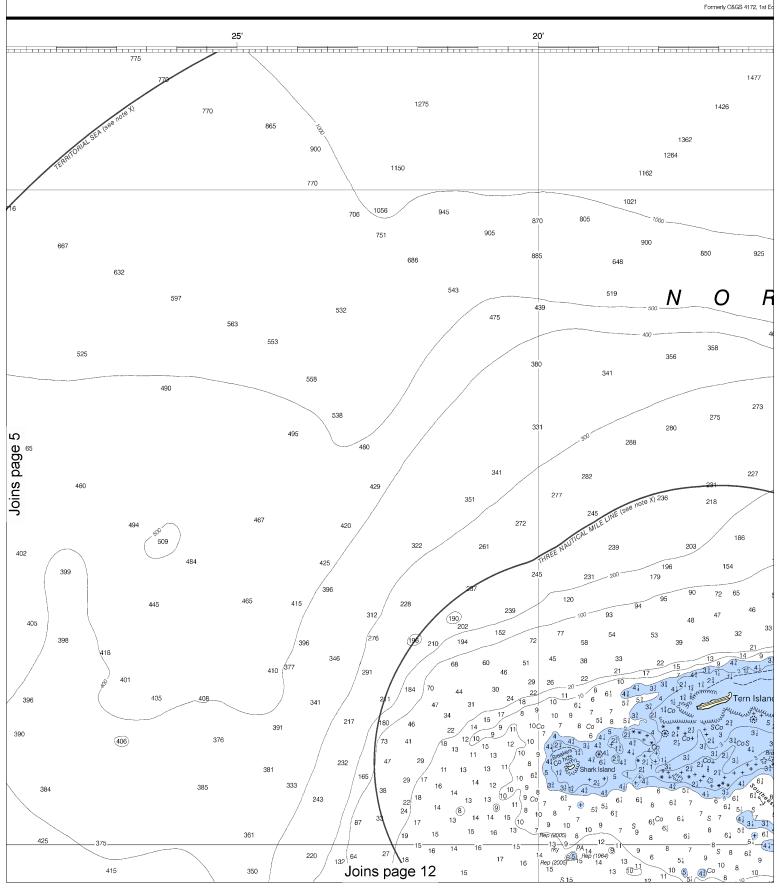






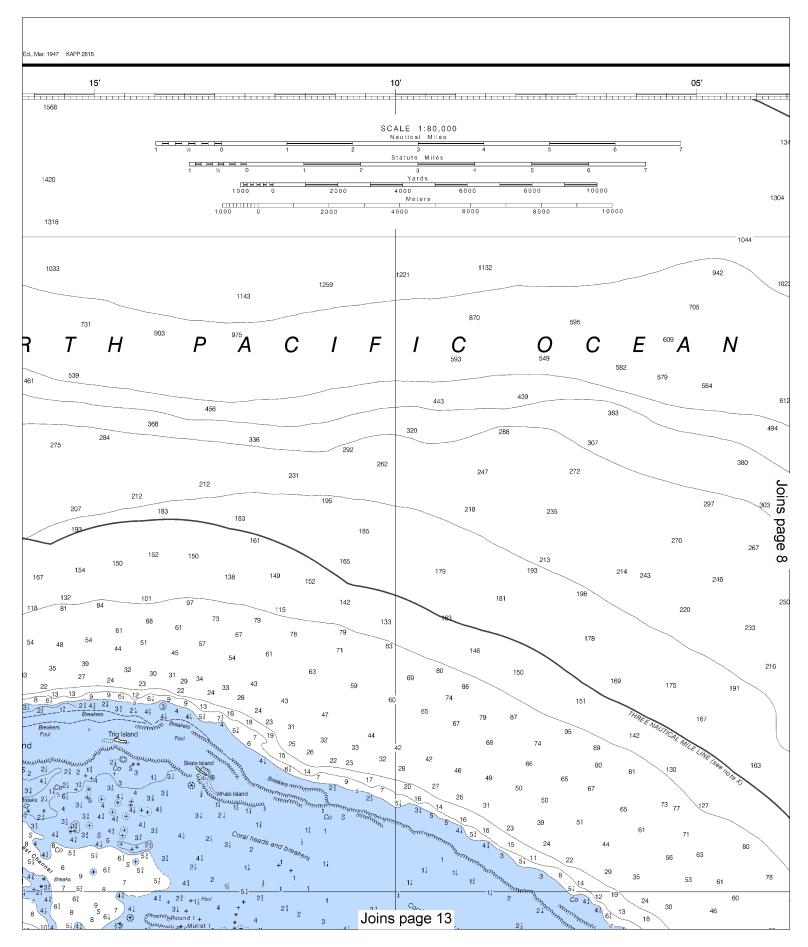


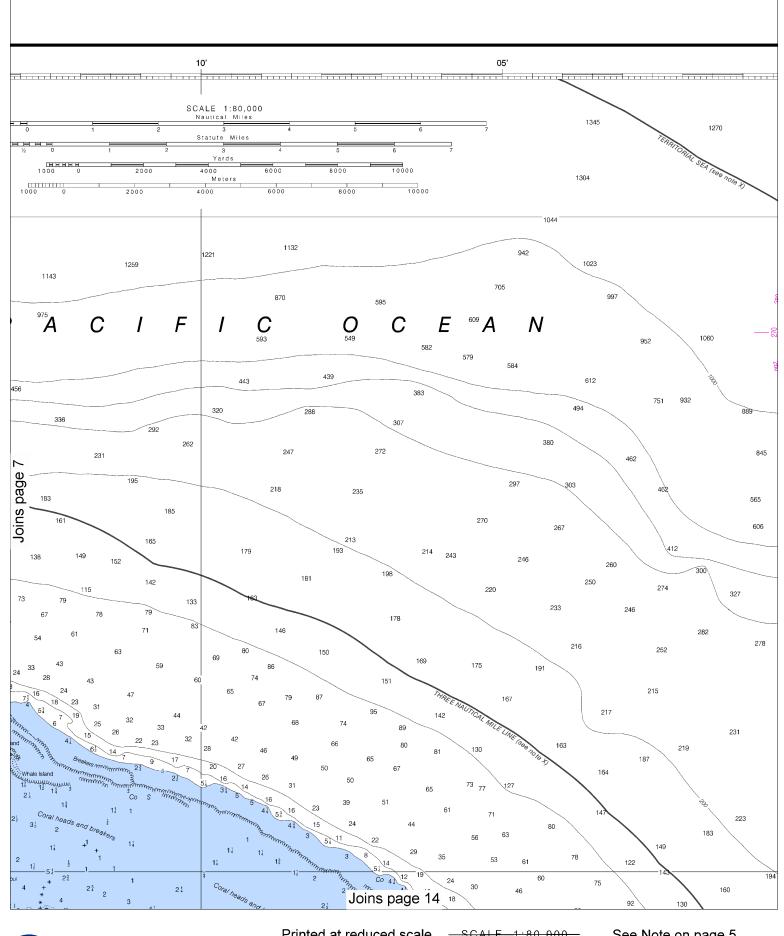








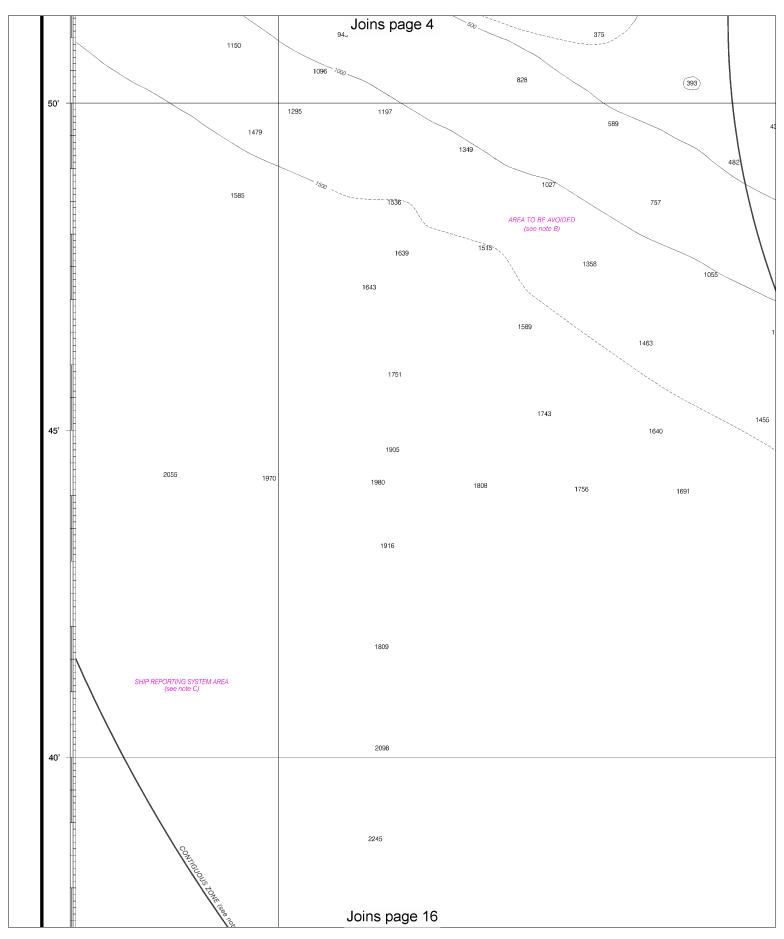




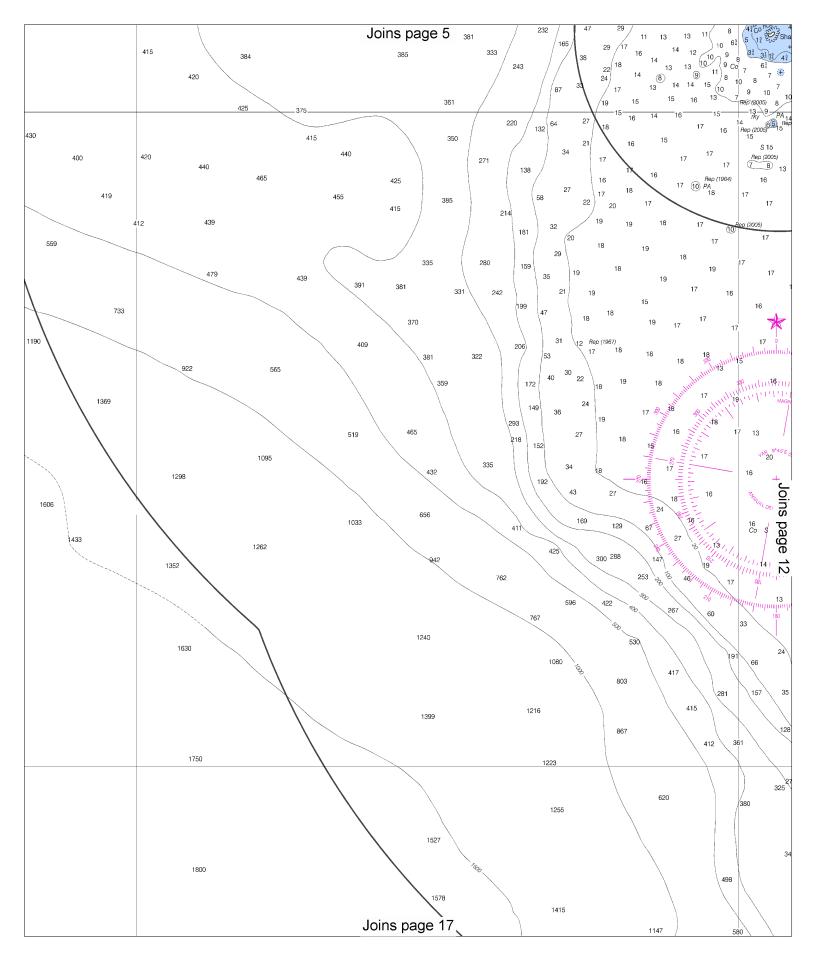


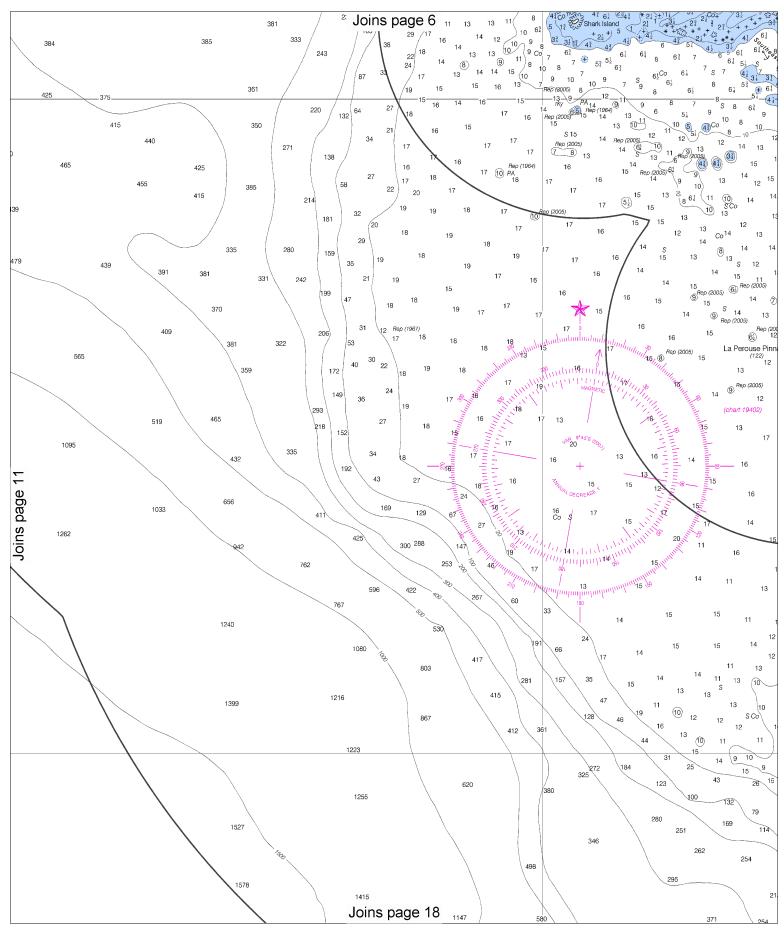
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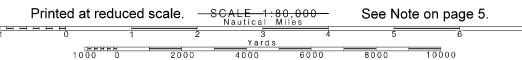


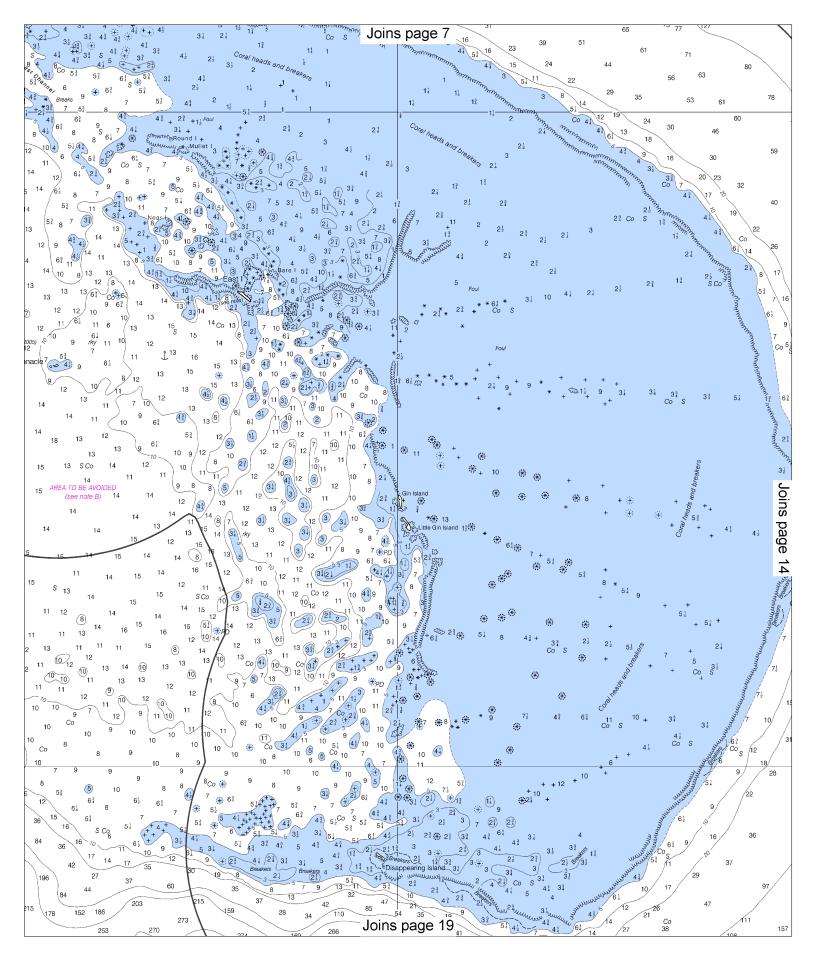


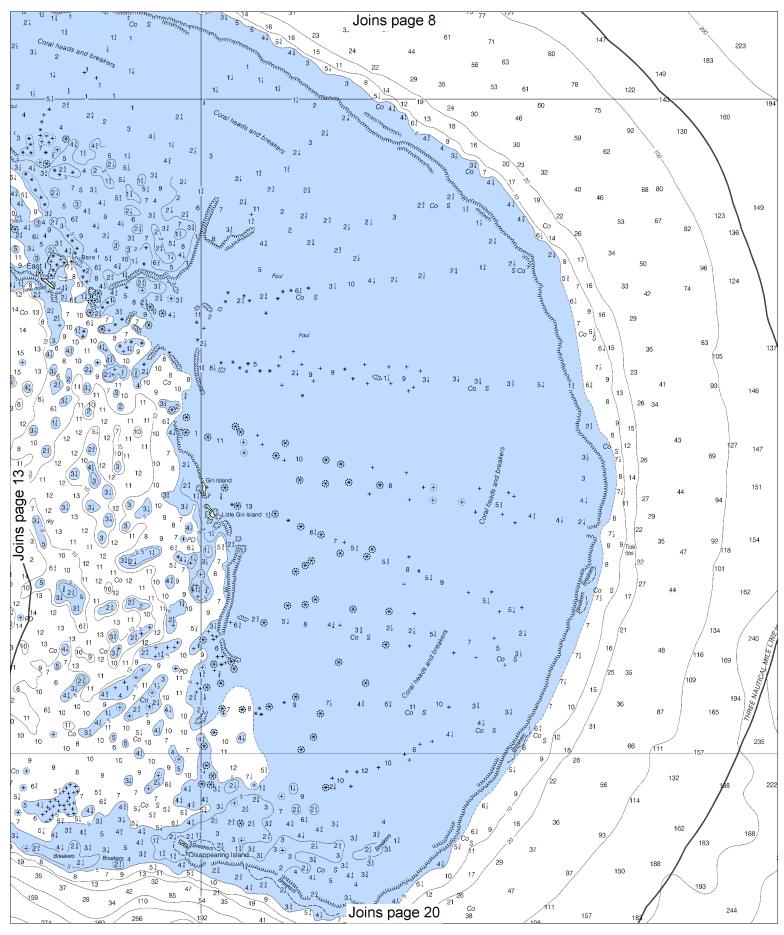




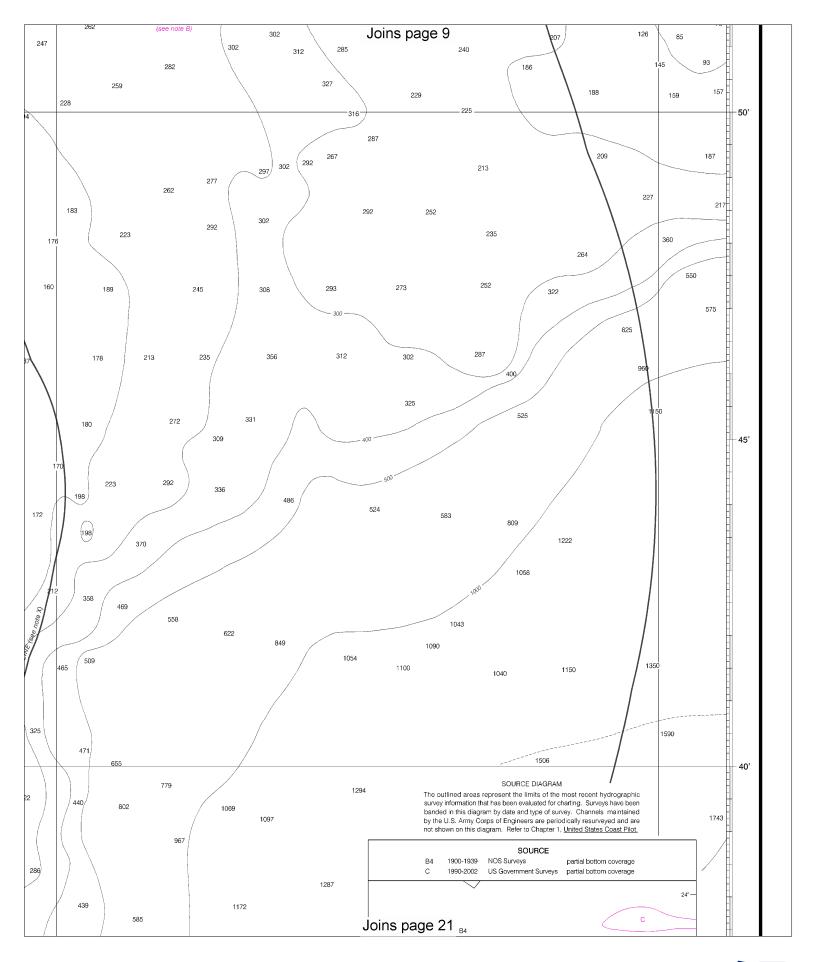


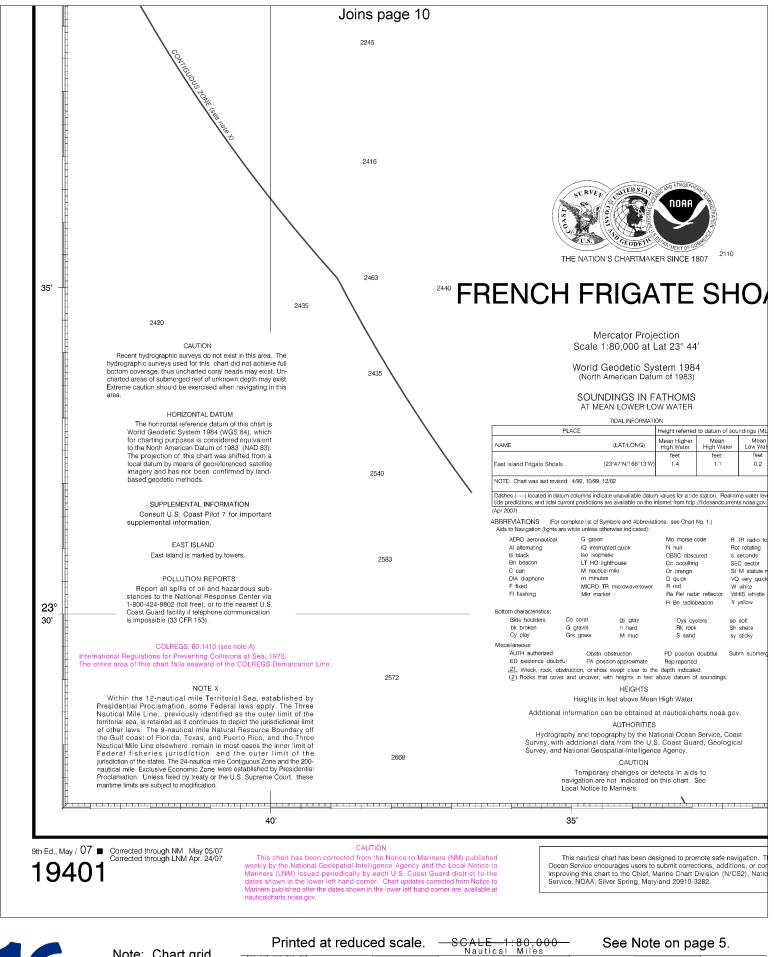












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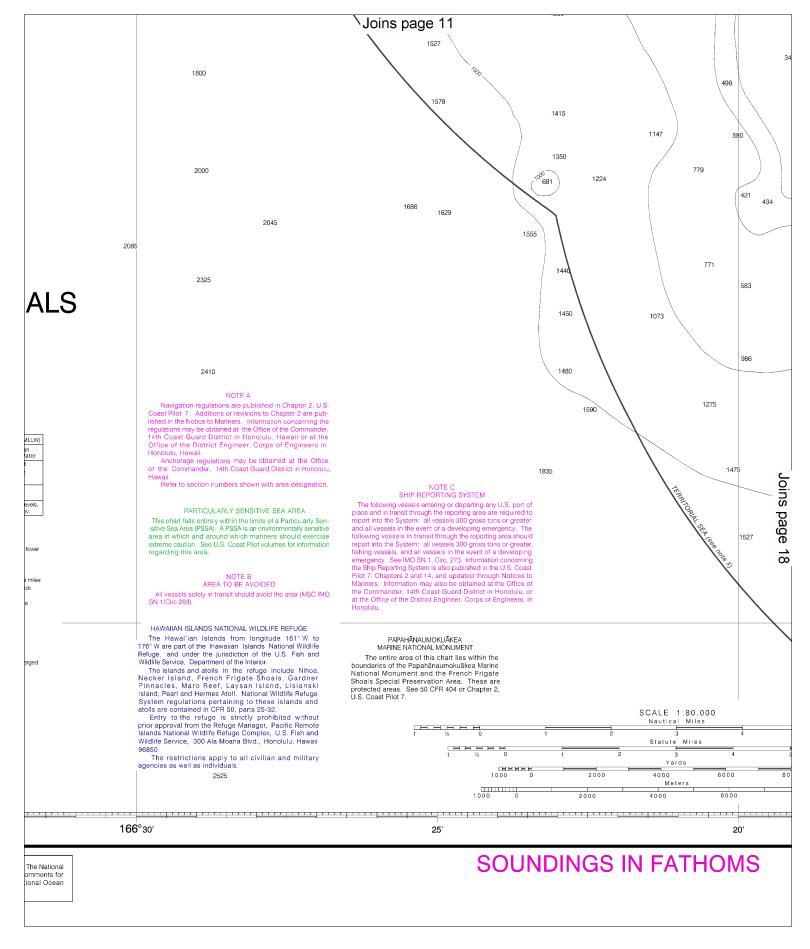
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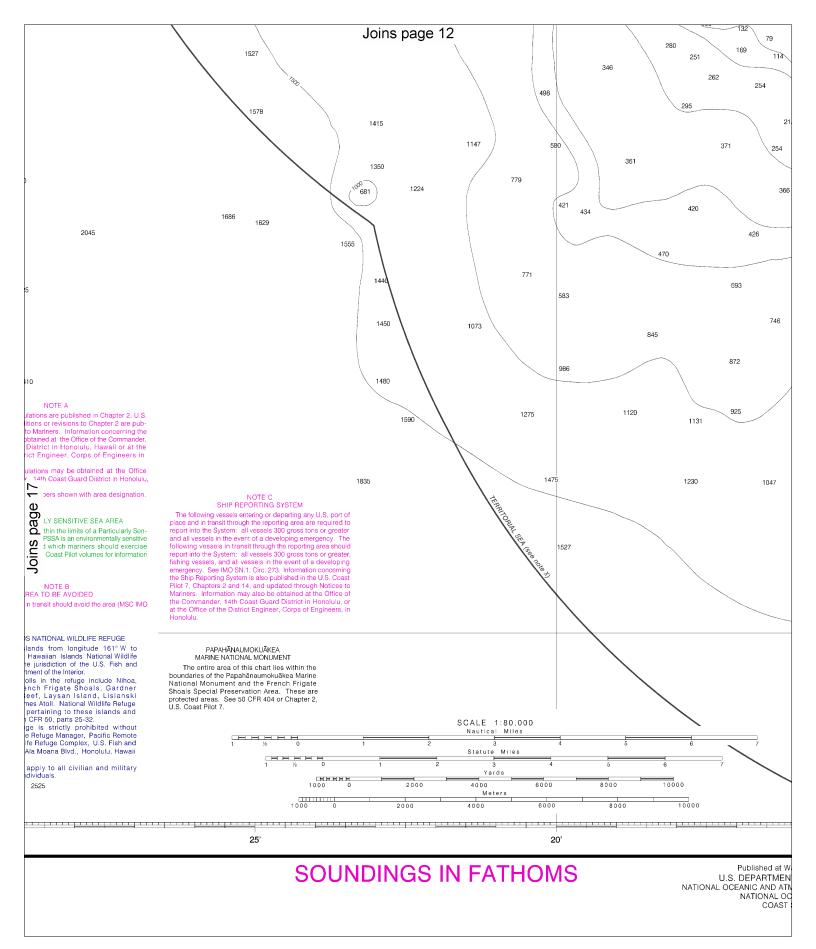
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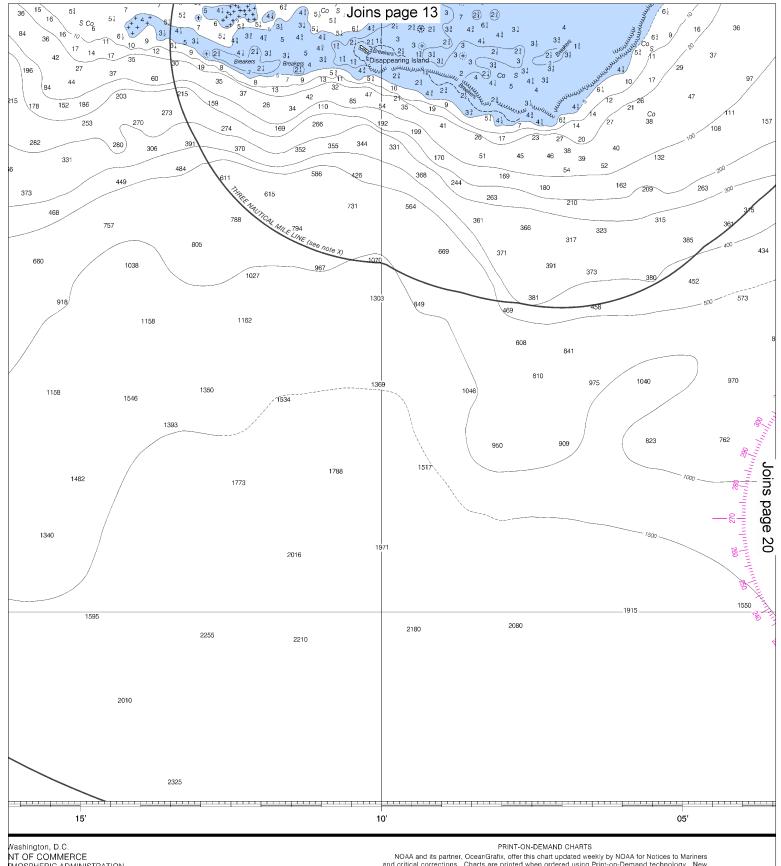
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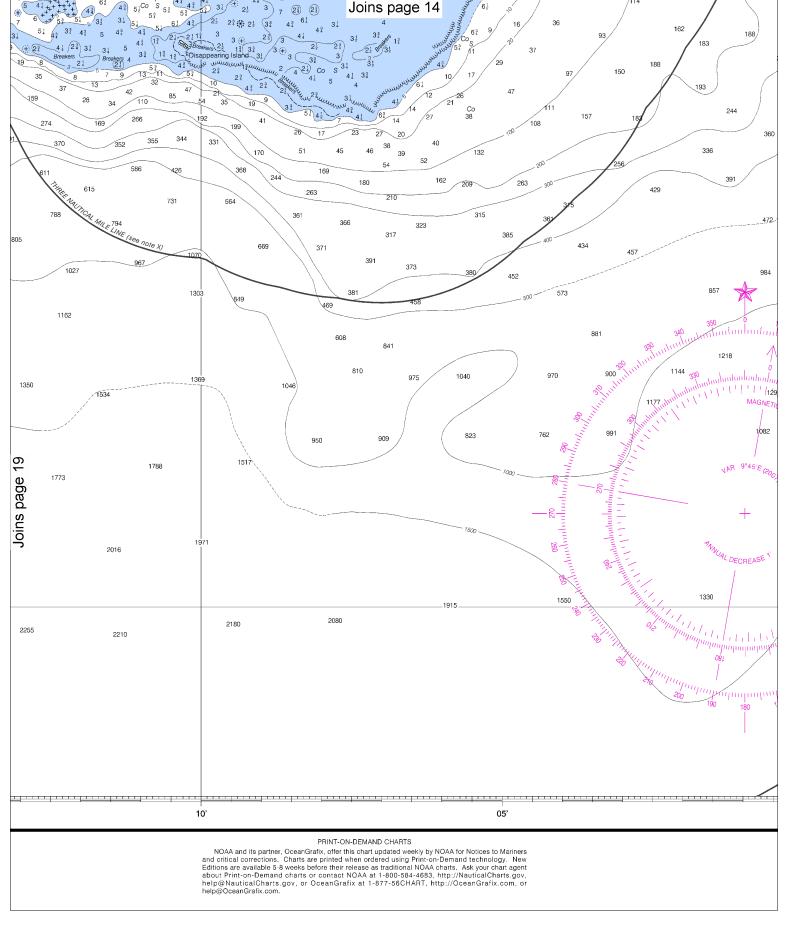




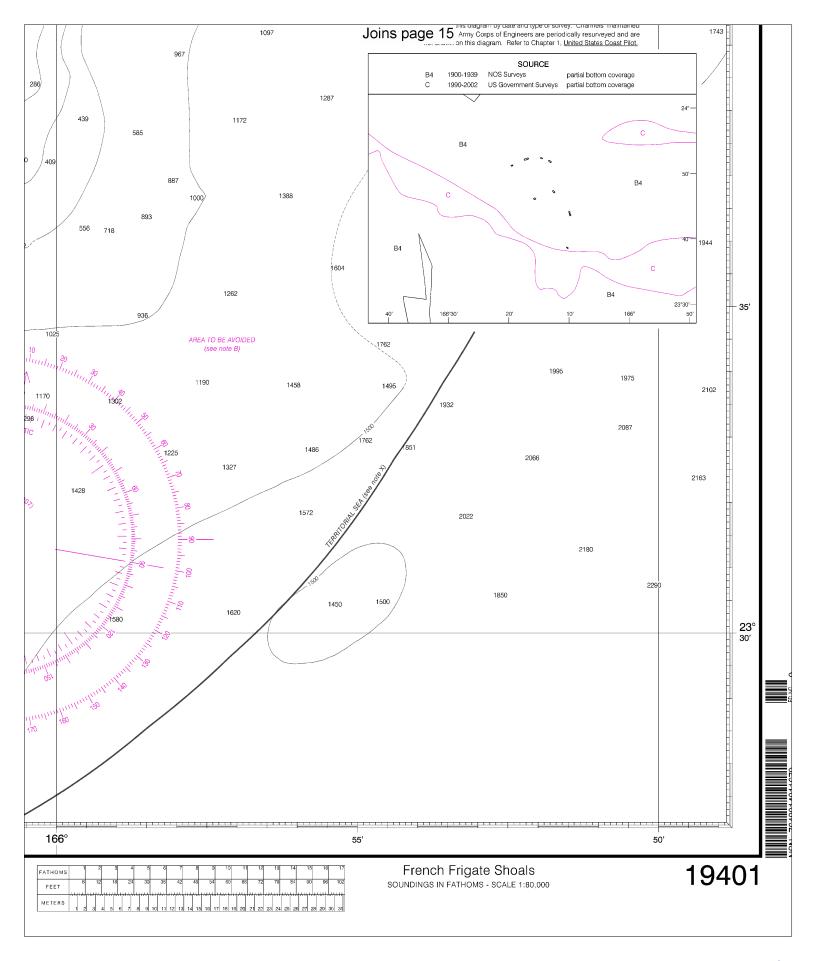
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# VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

# **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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